

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT****I. HEADING****Date:** August 24, 1998**Subject:** Bossert Manufacturing Site  
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START**POLREP NO. 29****II. BACKGROUND**

<b>Site No.:</b>	S7
<b>Delivery Order No.:</b>	2101-02-010
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>ERNS No.:</b>	N/A
<b>CERCLIS No.:</b>	NYD002249563
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non-NPL
<b>Action Memo Status:</b>	Approved on 9/26/97
<b>Start Date:</b>	9/30/97
<b>Demobilization Date:</b>	N/A
<b>Completion Date:</b>	N/A

### III. SITE INFORMATION

#### A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

#### B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminated debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

### IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

#### A. Situation

##### 1. Removal Actions to Date

August 3-August 21: ERRS concentrated their efforts on the decontamination of the 29 presses and the cleaning and filling of sumps in the press room. Press #90, #201, #202, #203, #135 and #206 were decontaminated during this period bringing the total number of presses decontaminated to date to 23. Other crews simultaneously worked on pumping water out of sumps, decontaminating sumps, filling sumps with gravel and concrete, cutting guards off of remaining presses and cutting up scrap metal to prepare for salvaging. During this reporting period, four roll-off boxes of PCB contaminated solid debris, one roll-off box of PCB contaminated dust, one roll-off box of non hazardous solid debris and one roll of box of scrap metal were shipped off site. See section VI.



**DISPOSITION OF WASTES and VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL** for an updated table of various wastes shipped off site and an updated table of scrap metal salvaged and funds recovered.

**2. Enforcement**

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

**B. Planned Removal Actions**

ERRS will continue transportation and disposal of PCB contaminated debris, kiln dust, and carbon powder on an as need basis. ERRS will continue to dewater the sumps and continue the cleaning of the presses. Scrap metal will continue to be decontaminated using a high temperature pressure washer.

**C. Key Issues**

N/A

**V. COST INFORMATION AS OF August 21, 1998 \***

ERRS Contractor	\$	3,697,844
START Contractor Costs		201,346
Intramural Costs		349,803
USCG-AST		<u>3,811</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,252,804</b>
Project Ceiling	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,990,000</b>

<b>Percent of Project Funds Remaining</b>	<b>29%</b>
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\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

## VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

Waste stream	Medium	Quantity	Consolidation & Migration Control	Disposition	Location
PCB (UN3077)	Debris	1,940 cu. yds.	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY
PCB (UN2315)	Kiln dust & spent carbon	~485.14 tons	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY
Non Hazardous solid	Debris	125.03 tons	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Niagra Recycling Inc. Niagra Falls, NY
ACM	Debris (Friable)	30 cu. yds.	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Niagra Recycling Inc. Niagra Falls, NY
ACM	Debris (Non-Friable)	1590 cu. yds.	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Niagra Recycling Inc. Niagra Falls, NY

## VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL

Material	Quantity	Fund
Scrap Metal	201.22 tons	\$ 15,469.48

\* This table will be updated as recovered funds are received from Universal Empire Salvaging Company.